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In re Application of
FARRELL

Examiner: KING Y. POON

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AMENDMENT A

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

The Examiner's communication dated May 9, 2003 has been received and carefully considered. In conformance with the applicable statutory requirements, the present paper constitutes a complete reply thereto and/or a bona fide attempt to advance the application to final action. It includes the following sections as indicated, each beginning on a separate sheet:

- ☐ Amendments to the Specification;
- ☒ Amendments to the Claims;
- ☐ Amendments to the Abstract (including a clean version on a separate sheet);
- ☒ Remarks; and,
- ☐ ____ Replacement Drawing Sheet(s) with Amended Figure(s) ____
and/or Added Figure(s) ____.

The application being presently in condition for allowance, reexamination and/or reconsideration of the claims is hereby requested, and an early indication of allowability is earnestly solicited.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this **AMENDMENT A** is being deposited on the indicated date with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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